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Please accept this letter as my formal submission for nomination as a Board member on the CBUSA. My passion and enthusiasm for the Clydesdale breed fuels my interest in becoming a Board member. My Professional experience along with my personal experiences qualifies me to be a candidate on the CBUSA Board of Directors.

Professionally I work in the equine industry, as well as the corporate sector. My wife, Jennifer Gaudes Raemisch and I own and operate Sun Fire Stables of Waterford. For the past 15 yrs. my involvement in the equine industry has afforded me the opportunity to perform basically every function imaginable, running, managing and owning a full service boarding, lesson and training facility. Our herd of 40 horses consists of 21 of our own lesson horses. The lesson program has over 160 youth students and more than 35 adult students. We host Girl Scout and Boy Scout badge earning programs in addition to recreational experiences. Birthday parties and Fun Shows are a large part of our offerings. With a work load of this magnitude we rely on good quality employees and volunteers. We are blessed with excellent people willing to help keep our facility functioning. Besides the daily activities of the farm, I work off the property full time. I am an Operations Manager for a local company that competes in the global market. For the past 9 years I have run from the morning chores on the farm to my office in Burlington, to perform my duties.

6 years ago I bought my 1st Clydesdale mare. We immediately made arrangements to have her bred, live cover with a local stallion, and laid the plans to experience our first foaling. Over the next few years we acquired more Clydesdales and added Clyde babies to our small herd. Our focus in the Clydesdale industry with our own Clyde's has been primarily versatility. We use them in our lesson program as well as all other facets of our schooling program. We trail ride, pleasure drive and ride all disciplines including dressage. The Clydesdales are my hobby. I formed DLR Clydesdales to enjoy and showcase the beautiful breed in our business and community. My wife and I along with our show team exhibitors regularly attend local opens shows with the Clydesdales. We also enjoy showing in our state fair in Milwaukee. The 2018 World Clydesdale Show in Madison WI allowed us to showcase our student exhibitors alongside my wife and me. My home bred and raised 3 yr. old gelding earned us 2 world titles. DLR Justice earned 1st in both youth and adult western riding in the same day. My 5 yr. old imported gelding earned 3rd place in the youth western riding that day as well. Our 11 student exhibitors demonstrated excellence and the versatility of the breed in virtually every pleasure driving and riding class offered in the 2018 world show.

My time in the Clydesdale industry has been very rewarding and productive. I developed and produced the Mid America Draft Horse Versatility Show in September 2019 at the Fairgrounds of Walworth County in Elkhorn WI. I currently serve on 2 committees for the CBUSA, which I take very seriously and enjoy tremendously. I am on the Pleasure riding committee and we are making great strides in growing and creating awareness of programs available to participate in for Clydesdale owners. I am also on the Promotion and Marketing committee. This committee will move the Clydesdale breed to a new level and create greater demand for the breed. With my participation and enthusiasm I am certain I will be an asset to the CBUSA board membership. I hope this snapshot of my life in the equine industry, the professional corporate world, as well as my involvement in the Clydesdale industry has convinced you I am an asset to the CBUSA membership, and if elected I will be an asset to the CBUSA Board of Directors.

Thank You

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